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## **Prescribed Burn at Reimers Ranch Park**

**TRAVIS COUNTY, Tx** - Travis County Parks plans to conduct a prescribed burn at Reimers Ranch Park on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. The prescribed burn will take place between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and will take two to four hours to complete. Travis County Parks is conducting the burn in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burn includes approximately 56 acres of live oak savannahs and will help maintain this plant community by removing invading shrubs, reducing the number of exotic species and enhancing the health and diversity of the native plant community.

The prescribed burn will be conducted with southeasterly winds which will carry smoke to the northwest across the Pedernales River and towards the Fall Creek area. Some smoke impacts may occur, but they should be relatively light and of a short duration due to the small size of the project.

The park will remain open; however, some portions of the park may be closed and access along the main park road may be delayed. Currently there are no planned closures but a portion of the Granite Trail, the pavilion parking area, the equestrian parking area, and Climbers Canyon may be impacted by smoke.

Travis County is currently under a burn ban. Burn bans limit certain types of fire-use in order to minimize the potential for accidental fires and to reduce the impact fires have on emergency responders. Burn bans do not limit all fire use (cooking, welding, etc.), and many activities are allowed with certain restrictions. Prescribed-burn managers conduct prescribed burns during burn bans because conditions are favorable for meeting established objectives. Land managers, regulators and emergency responders coordinate the implementation of the prescribed burns.

Reimers Ranch Park is located at 23610 Hamilton Pool Rd., Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

**Media:** The prescribed burn is located adjacent to the main road, and in order to minimize impacts to traffic and provide for the safety of the park users and fire management staff, no media will be allowed on-site. Please contact Glen Gillman at (512) 844-7480 for inquiries, or check in at the park fee booth for additional information.

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